

Christianity has not breathed upon and to some extent affected and modified. It has been steadily beaten back till it has retreated to its last stronghold, and the seige is so hot and the investment so strait that it is only a question of time when this great master device of Satan will be surrendered. It does not require that one be a prophet to foretell the utter collapse of the whole system within the next fifty years. For myself I do not believe it will last out another twenty-five years." Many in India believe with Dr. Pentecost, not only missionaries, who are longing and working for the great change, but also gifted Government officials, whose view is perhaps less partial and so more valuable.

Dr. Pentecost, when in Madras, said: "No tabulations or statistics could come within even a measurable distance of representing the mighty work that has been wrought by missionary effort in this country. The Indian missionary had stupendous discouragements to contend against. There was first, caste, no small difficulty; next, the workers in the field were only a handful; lastly, the missionaries had to contend against swarms of heartless friends and relentless foes, even amongst their own people. Over against these, however, there were encouragements of the most reassuring character. The promises of God were inspiring in the first place; Christianity was gaining on the population to the extent of ten per cent. per decade; the cleavage was going on in the rock of Hinduism; it was splitting everywhere."

This we thoroughly believe; but these words are specially valuable as coming from one, who, at first on coming to India, was inclined to take a very different view, and was only led to change his opinion from the stern force of facts that everywhere met him.

Every year steady progress is made. Much of this is too small to be given in a report, and yet the little straws on the current